

The order was amended by substituting Wednesday, July 31st, for Tuesday, July 30, and 11.30 A. M. for 12 M., and was then adopted.

The unfinished business, being the report of the committee on the judiciary, was then taken up and passed over informally.

The report of the committee respecting the appointment, tenure of office, duties and compensation of all civil officers not embraced in the duties of other standing committees was taken up.

Sections 1 and 2 were read and passed over.

Section 3, relative to the State librarian, was read.

Mr. Ireland moved to amend by providing that the librarian shall be elected by a joint vote of the two houses of the General Assembly.

Mr. Carter said it was advisable that the incumbent of this office should be selected with great care and discretion, and the committee had thought that he should be independent of any branch of the legislative department, and hence they had altered the mode of selection. The librarian should be perfectly familiar with his duties, and every day that he was in office, if he was a proper person, would render him more competent, and it was thought that four years was not too long a term, in consideration of these facts, and also to induce competent persons to take the position at the limited salary. The committee had also been guided by two other reasons; that the librarian, who furnished the stationery, &c., to the Legislature, and in the distribution of which there was great waste, should not hold his office through the favor of this body; and finally, that the duties of the Legislature would require all of its time, without occupying it with the election of officers.

Mr. Watkins, of Montgomery, moved an amendment that the librarian shall be elected by the people.

Mr. McKaig agreed with the opinions expressed by his friend from Baltimore city, (Mr. Carter,) but he would prefer that this officer should be appointed by the judges of the Court of Appeals, and alluded to the great inconvenience occasioned to the attorneys of that court when